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WASHINGTON, August 6, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 1 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 6.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 533.0 billion ton-miles carried, up 3.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 1 totaled 404,197, up 5.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.0 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 5.6 percent in the East and up 6.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 6,269 cars loaded (25.7 percent) and nonmetallic minerals increased by 2,973 cars (38.7 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the preceding week ended July 25 totaled 99,451 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of the year was 2,895,599 trailers and/or containers, up 3.6 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/1/87:

	Loadings in Week ended August 1, 1987			Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	30,659	I		6,269	25.7	D	930	2.9	
Other farm products	3,293	I		595	22.1	D	27	0.8	
Metallic ores	15,892	D		1,292	7.5	D	1,296	7.5	
Coal	114,542	I		1,748	1.5	I	2,184	1.9	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,781	I		1,517	9.9	I	201	1.2	
Nonmetallic minerals	10,653	I		2,973	38.7	I	2,703	34.0	
Grain mill products	10,561	I		73	0.7	D	171	1.6	
Food and kindred products	11,526	I		319	2.8	I	522	4.7	
Primary forest products	10,884	I		647	6.3	D	156	1.4	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,957	I		575	6.9	I	746	9.1	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,928	I		199	1.6	I	868	7.2	
Chemicals and allied products	25,071	I		1,854	8.0	D	193	0.8	
Petroleum products	5,135	I		222	4.5	D	98	1.9	
Stone, clay and glass products	11,450	I		873	8.3	I	183	1.6	
Coke	5,152	I		1,775	52.6	D	323	5.9	
Metals and products	9,375	I		222	2.4	I	291	3.2	
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,968	D		1,654	10.6	D	999	6.7	
Waste and scrap materials	8,405	I		1,070	14.6	D	92	1.1	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,777	D		419	13.1	I	33	1.2	
All other carloads	76,091	I		4,767	6.7	I	463	0.6	
LCL traffic	97	D		22	18.5	I	25	34.7	
Total Cars Loaded	404,197	I		22,311	5.8	I	3,934	1.0	
Corresponding week of 1986	381,886								
	<u>1987</u>			<u>1986</u>			<u>% Change</u>		
Total Cars Loaded (31 weeks)	11,930,167			11,603,967			I 2.8		
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):									
30 Weeks ended July 25	514.6			498.2			I 3.3		
Week ended August 1	<u>18.3</u>			<u>17.3</u>			<u>I 6.2</u>		
31 Weeks cumulative	533.0			515.5			I 3.4		